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## Senior Tax Work– Off Program

“A unique approach to  
balance the social &  
financial needs of senior  
homeowners and local  
governments of  
Massachusetts”

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Offering seniors age 60+ the opportunity to receive up to a \$1500 abatement off of their

*\*3rd Quarter property tax bill*



## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE

- ◆ Must be 60 years of age or older
- ◆ Own & occupy a home in Lunenburg as your primary residence for at least one year
- ◆ Applicants must provide verification of useable gross income in order to be considered for the program (prior year 1040 income tax return)
- ◆ Receive a property tax bill in your name or your spouse's name who is also 60 years of age or older

◆ Meet the income guidelines of

*One person household—\$50,000*

*Two person household—\$75,000*

### 6.17: Exemption Related to Senior Tax Abatement Programs

(1)Purpose: The purpose of 930 CMR 6.17 is to allow participants in senior tax abatement programs to hold additional municipal positions and to have financial interests in municipal contracts, and *vice versa*.

(2) Exemption: A participant in a senior tax abatement program may hold additional municipal positions and have financial interests in municipal contracts without violating M.G.L. c.268A, §20, provided that the employee does not participate in or have official responsibility for the administration of such program or decision making with respect to the award of benefits or relief under such program.

All new applicants will require a CORI background check.

All applicants must apply and be accepted annually for participation in the program.

Earnings are exempt from state taxes only. Earnings are subject to federal and Medicare tax withholdings and are also subject to OBRA if participant is not receiving a pension from either Worcester Regional Retirement or Massachusetts State Teachers Retirement.

All necessary paperwork must be completed before any work is done.



## **TOWN OF LUNENBURG SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM**

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The Town of Lunenburg will offer income eligible senior citizens age 60+ an opportunity to receive up to \$1500 off their property tax bill.

Participants work in various Town Departments to earn the tax abatement.

For each hour worked a person will receive \$14.25 and can work between January 1, 2021-November 1, 2021 to receive the \$1500 abatement.

Any hours worked beyond that will be considered volunteer hours.

Application can be picked up at the Lunenburg Council on Aging office located at:

**Eagle House Senior Community Center  
25 Memorial Drive, Lunenburg, MA 01462**

**OR**

**Lunenburg Assessors Office  
Town Hall**

**17 Main St., Lunenburg, MA 01462**